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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/21/2007

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SHORT TITLE Election Code Terminology Updates SB 948

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: HB 1153

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 948 provides terminology updates to several sections of the Election Code. New Mexico uses a uniform system of paper ballots and tabulators so references to: (a) electronic voting machines have become obsolete and (b) special emergency ballots have become obsolete.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AGO indicates that it is unclear in Section 7 whether the bill also repeals Sections 1-12-57 through 1-12-62. It is unclear why the bill does not also repeal Sections 1-12-63 to 1-12-69.

The Secretary of State indicates a strong endorsement of this bill.

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